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BIBLE STUDY.

Change in Hour and Character of Men's Bible Class.

The Bible Study Committee met last Friday evening, and took into consideration various measures for increasing the interest in the study of the Bible.

The Union S. S. Teacher's Bible Class has been regularly sustained during the summer. Dr. Ehrenfeld has charge of it during this month, and Rev. L. M. Heilman will conduct it during November. The average attendance is twenty-three.

The attendance at the Men's Bible Class is increasing, but after consultation it has been decided to change the hour for holding it from 9 A. M. to 4.30 P. M. More will attend at this hour, it is thought, than in the morning, and we look for many new faces. There has also been expressed a desire that the Workers' Training Class should be resumed. Accordingly it has been arranged to devote the hour of the *first* Sunday of each month to the Training-Class. The studies of the next quarter will be drawn from Revelation, and the complete program will be given in our next issue. The change in hour will make it possible for many who have desired to attend, but have hitherto been prevented by other engagements, to join in profitable and delightful study. The new arrangement takes effect to-morrow.

HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS.

Some of nature's most effective agencies are silent and little noticed; so we sometimes overlook the unassuming workers and the unpretentious lines of work Such is the meeting of the Home for the Friendless, which has been constantly carried on, every Sunday afternoon, for many years by Mr. H. C. Deming.

It was our pleasure last Sunday to look in upon this meeting, and it is no less pleasant now to give our impression. The room was crowded, the children attentive, the singing excellent, and the recitation of Scripture unusually good.

In reply to the question, How many have learned verses? twenty-four right hands were raised. One child repeated the entire 23d Psalm, another the Parable of the Ten Virgins.

During the exercises the superintendent whispered, "If the Young Men's Christian Association could furnish the means, I could promise that a school of 1500 children could be gathered in this west end of Harrisburg, without tresspassing upon denominational schools."

The R. R. Men's Union Meeting for this month will be omitted on account of a meeting having been arranged for the organization of a R. R. Branch, Y. M. C. A., on Thursday evening the 21st. This meeting will be held in the Lecture Room of the Ridge Avenue M. E. Church, and all R. R. men and their families are urged to attend. A collection will be taken to defray the expense of hymn-books. Meeting will commence at half-past seven.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Our Building presents a very fresh appearance in its new coat of paint.

Rev. George Sigler will have charge of the Boys' Entertainment next Monday night.

The Literary Exercises were postponed at the last meeting of the Literary Society, so that the program published last week will be observed next.

Miss Beatty has kindly taken charge of the organ for the Boys' Entertainments during the season.

The German Reformed ladies of the Advisory Committee have procured bureaus for rooms 12 and 19.

Bear in mind the change in hour of Men's Bible Class! Subject to-morrow afternoon, "The Christian Ambassador."

A stranger who happened into one of the Morning Prayer Meetings this week, remarked that he felt himself in a place where "a good spirit is abroad." It is so, and we would that many more might come and feel it good to be there.

With four brass bands, numerous drum-corps, and more than a thousand people surrounding our Building last Saturday night, there were, it is worth remarking, twelve young men in our Parlors enjoying one of the best Young Men's Meetings of the season. Let no one suppose that the excitement without will prevent any of our meetings. Young Men's Meeting to-night as usual, at 8 o'clock.

[The following list of subjects has been prepared for use in the Boys' Prayer Meeting, held in the Boys' Rooms, every Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock.]

THE BOYS OF THE BIBLE.

1. *Cain* and *Abel*..... Gen. iv:1–16.
2. *Ishmael*.....Gen. xxi:9–21.
3. *Isaac*..... Gen. xxi:1–5; xxii:3–13.
4. *Jacob* and *Esau*.Gen. xxvii; xxviii:10–22.
5. *Joseph*.....Gen. xxvii:2–28; xxxix:1–4.
6. *Moses*.....Ex. ii:1–21.
7. *Nadab* and *Abihu*.....Lev. x:1–9.
8. *Hophni* and *Phineas*.....1 Sam. ii:12–17; iv:10, 11.
9. *Samuel* .....1 Sam. i:20–28; ii:18, 19; 26; iii:1–21.
10. *David*.....1 Sam. xvi:11–13; xvii:12–54.
11. *Jonathan*.1 Sam. xviii:1–4; xix:1–7; xx.
12. *Absalom*..... 2 Sam. xviii:6–33.
13. *Solomon*.....1 Kings iii:5–14.
14. *Elisha's Mockers*.....2 Kings ii:23–25.
15. *Jehoash*.....2 Kings xi.
16. *Josiah*.....2 Kings xxii.
17. *John*.....Luke i:57–63, 80; iii:18–20.
18. *Jesus*.....Matt. ii:1–15, 40, 52.
19. *Timothy*.....2 Tim. 1–12.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 1880.

SUNDAY	9.00	A. M.	Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
October 17.	9.00	"	Young Men's Bible Class. "The Christian Ambassador." David McConaughy, Jr.
	1.30	P. M.	Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. J. H. Spicer, Superintendent.
	3.15	"	Service of Song. Association Hall. R. D. List.
	3.30	"	Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
	5.00	"	Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.
	6.00	"	Service at City Hospital. D. McConaughy, Jr.
MONDAY.....	7.30	"	Boys' Entertainment. Association Hall.
	8.30	"	Meeting of Boys' Committee.
THURSDAY	7.30	"	Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. Dr. C. L. Ehrenfeld.
FRIDAY.....	7.00	"	Boys' Literary Exercises.
	7.30	"	Boys' Prayer Meeting. Horace Chayne.
	8.00	"	Members' Literary Society. Readings, Declamations and Debate.
SATURDAY.....	8.00	"	Young Men's Meeting. A. T. Wellsteed.
EVERY WEEK-DAY	8.00 A. M.		Daily Prayer Meeting.
	9.45 P. M.		Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY .....*The Lord Cares for his Disheartened Servant.* I Kings xix. 1-8. John C. Lynch.

TUESDAY.....*Is it Vain to Serve God?* Ps. lxxiii. J. N. Deeter.

WEDNESDAY .....*Micaiah—Courage in Testimony.* I Kings xxii. 6-29; Acts iv. 29-31. S. P. Keeling.

THURSDAY.....*The Grace of Giving.* II Cor. viii. 7-15; ix. 6-9. S. S. Barrett.

FRIDAY.....*Speechless Before the Great King.* Matt. xxii. 1-13. Jas. K. Dumars.

SATURDAY .....*Jacob's Prevailing Prayer.* Gen. xxxii. 9-12; 22-30. D. McConaughy, Jr.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO ATTEND

GYMNASIUM CLASSES.

LADIES	5.15 to 6.15 P. M.	YOUTHS.....	7.30 to 8.30 P. M.
BOYS.....	6.15 to 7.15 P. M.	YOUNG MEN.....	8.45 to 9.45 P. M.

It was decided at the recent Convention at Wilkes-Barre to make the State Convention biennial, and in the intervening year (that of the International Convention) to have three, viz: East, Central and West-Pennsylvania Conventions, to be held within about one week of each other. It is hoped that in this way the smaller Associations will more generally enjoy the advantages of the conventions.

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Subjects for the Week Ending Oct. 30.

Public Meeting.—"We would see Jesus."—John 12:20-22.

Young Men's Meeting.—"Herein is Love." 1 John 4:10-16.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE ON DUTY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23.

MONDAY.—John Hoover.
TUESDAY.—J. H. Groff, Geo. H. Houser.
WEDNESDAY.—William H. Shaffer.
THURSDAY.—Robert Gotta, J. H. Berkley.
FRIDAY.—L. W. Fleming, T. H. Stevens.
SATURDAY.—R. D. List.

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. L. Boyer, formerly an Active Member of the Association, and now engaged in the Children's Temperance Work in Pittsburg, is in town for the purpose of attending the Convention of the W. C. T. U. which meets here next week. The Boys will be glad to see him at the Entertainment next Monday night, and he will be just as glad to see them.

ASSOCIATION ITEMS.

The International Committee have during the past year been able to aid the development of work for Young Men by supplying the Associations with an additional force of 29 Young Men to act as General Secretaries.

The entire work of the Committee in all departments has engrossed the labor of eight Secretaries. The 25 members and 40 corresponding members of the Committee have for brief periods co-operated in the work.

500 visits to various points have been made. 150,000 miles have been traveled. 32 State Conventions, where 402 Associations were represented by nearly 2,000 delegates and members, were attended, and the Association work for young men in its various phases carefully presented.

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